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Texas Court of Criminal Appeals  
 P.O. Box 12308  
 Austin, TX 78711

**Re: Sims v. State, PD-0941-17 (Tex. Crim. App.)**  
**Via Texas efile**

Dear Clerk of Court:

Please designate me as **lead counsel** for Appellant Christian Vernon Sims. I have been retained by Appellant. Tex. Rule App. Proc. 6.1(c), *How to Designate* (lead counsel) provides, “[T]he original or a new lead counsel may be designated by filing a notice stating that attorney’s name, mailing address, telephone number, fax number, if any, email address, and State Bar of Texas identification number. If a new lead counsel is being designated, both the new attorney and either the party or the former lead counsel must sign the notice.”

In the *Motion to Extend to File Petition for Discretionary Review* that was filed on August 25, 2017, Mr. Don Baird stated, “Counsel does not intend to file a petition for discretionary review on appellant’s behalf. However, in the interest of justice, counsel requests this extension so that appellant may have sufficient time to file a pro se petition should he choose to do so.” The motion was granted, and the petition for **discretionary review is due on October 30, 2017** (see attached). Thus, before the filing of this instant letter, Appellant has been *pro se*.

This letter complies with Tex. Rule App. Proc. 6.1(c) because it states my name, mailing address, telephone number, fax number, email address, and State Bar of Texas identification number, and it contains my signature.

Sincerely,

Michael Mowla

Texas Bar No. 24048680

CC: Lamar County District Attorney via efile to [gyoung@co.lamar.tx.us](mailto:gyoung@co.lamar.tx.us)

Stacey Soule, State Prosecuting Attorney, and John Messinger, Assistant State Prosecuting Attorney, by Texas efile to [stacey.soule@spa.texas.gov](mailto:stacey.soule@spa.texas.gov), [john.messinger@spa.state.tx.us](mailto:john.messinger@spa.state.tx.us), and [information@spa.texas.gov](mailto:information@spa.texas.gov).

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**SIMS, CHRISTIAN VERNON Tr. Ct. No. 26338**

**COA Case No. 06-16-00198-CR**

**PD-0941-17**

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